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Laminated composite mat comprising inturnescent and fibre in binder layers useful for resiliently mounting the fragile ceramic or metal monoliths found in catalytic conveniers, diesel particulate filters etc.

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Alerting Abstract WO A1

A laministed composite mat comprising 2 layers, the first comprising an intumescent material and the second comprising inorganic fibres and a binder which binds the fibres together and bonds the second layer to the first.

Also claimed is production of a laminated composite mat as above, comprising forming the second tayer by a process comprising impregnating a fibre mass comprising the inorganic fibres with a liquid binder system comprising the binder or a precursor thereof and a carrier liquid, and subjecting the impregnated fibre mass to a drying step, preferably involving the use of dielectric heating, and optionally while deposited as a layer on one side of a preformed sheet comprising the intumescent material, so as to at least substantially remove the carrier liquid.

USE - The composite mat is useful for resiliently mounting the fragilial ceramic or metal monoliths found in catalytic converters and diesel particulate filters in their metal casings, to support the ceramic monoliths found in hot gas filtration units and coal gasification plants, and in gasket applications